

This report is thus intended to present the biology and geomorphology of the 10-county A/P Study area and its natural areas, and the significance of these areas, especially in relation to the State of North Carolina as a whole.

Many of the sites are contiguous with others, and the contiguous sites taken collectively as a larger natural area would likely have a higher significance level than those of the individual sites. For example, several of the contiguous sites in the Northwest River section of Currituck County are collectively of National Significance, as are contiguous sites along the North River in Currituck and Camden counties. For further information of such "complexes" of sites, see the Discussion.